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## Annual United Way Campaign a Resounding Success

### University Community Raises More Than \$31,000

Members of the Saint Mary's community have once again come together to demonstrate their renowned community spirit. From October 2 through October 13, 2006, the University held its annual United Way campaign, raising more than \$31,000.

The 2006 campaign was launched at a special event on October 2 which attracted more than 100 students, faculty and staff. The enthusiastic crowd gathered at The Tower for the annual kick-off which featured the traditional tug-of-war competition and barbecue in addition to several speakers. Those who provided remarks included Ken MacAuley, United Way Representative; Annie Baird, Learning Disability Association; Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's; and Keith Hotchkiss, Director of Student Services and campaign co-chair.

While the goal of the University campaign was to raise \$31,000 for the United Way and the agencies it supports, members of the campaign team noted an important additional objective – to increase participation among faculty, staff and students. Pat Bishara, campaign co-chair, stated, "One of our goals from the outset was to generate more excitement for the campaign by getting people involved in different activities." Bishara stated that the Helping Hands Days were particularly successful.

She explained, "On two consecutive Wednesdays – October 4 and 11 – faculty and staff had the opportunity to support the United Way by purchasing a "helping hand" for \$2.00. The helping hand would then be personalized by the sender and delivered to the colleague of his/her choice. It's a great way of brightening someone's day while supporting a worthwhile cause."



Left to right: Krista Armstrong, External Affairs Assistant; Adrienne McCarthy, Institutional Analysis and Planning (External Affairs); Pat Bishara, Information Officer; Julee Adams, Chemistry Department; the Husky Dog; and Keith Hotchkiss, Director of Student Services, sport "Helping Hands" shirts at this year's United Way campaign kick-off.

Other activities included a highly successful student-run penny drive, weekly draws, a raffle, and the Octoberfest finale which was held at the Gorsebrook Lounge on October 13.

The Saint Mary's 2006 United Way campaign team was led by co-chairs Pat Bishara, Information Officer, External Affairs; Clay Fowler, Director of Residence; and Keith Hotchkiss, Director of Student Services. Committee members included Krista Armstrong, External Affairs Assistant; Helen Dolan, Public Affairs Officer; Adrienne McCarthy, Institutional Analysis and Planning; Sarah Morris, Assistant Director, Student Services; Kathleen Jewell, Residence Office; Paul Turgeon, Facilities Management; Jeff Lohnes, Vice President of Internal Affairs, SMUSA; and Ken MacCauly, United Way Representative.

## Saint Mary's Kicks Off Hearts & Minds Capital Campaign

### \$40 Million Venture Signals Renewal and Enrichment for the University

Campaign Chairman Paul Sobey officially kicked off Saint Mary's University's \$40 million fundraising campaign on September 21, 2006 by announcing that the University has already hit the \$24 million mark.



Paul J. Dyer, Chair of the University's Board of Governors, provided opening remarks while a video montage played in the background.

"Reach Minds & Touch Hearts — that's what our campaign is all about," said Sobey, who is President and CEO of Empire Company Limited, and serves as volunteer Chair of the Hearts & Minds Capital Campaign for Saint Mary's.

Under a massive tent outside the McNally Building, Sobey and the University's leadership team unveiled the campaign's fundraising priorities and celebrated early progress with several hundred guests in attendance.

### Hearts & Minds represents the largest fundraising campaign in the University's history.

The goal of the campaign is to raise \$40 million to fund priority projects including new academic space and facilities for a health and wellness centre and arena that will serve students, faculty, staff and community. Increased financial aid for students, enhanced academic and research funding, and improved childcare services round out the list.

Said Sobey, "Early leadership, not only by our volunteers but by major donors as well – including corporate, alumni, and friends of the University in the initial stages of our Campaign – has made all the difference." He stressed that volunteers find the fundraising effort rewarding, owing to the respect Saint Mary's has earned for its unique educational experience and its "can do" attitude.

"The last half mile is the hardest, but we are truly encouraged by this initial and enthusiastic support for this great university, Saint Mary's, and the goals of the Hearts & Minds Capital Campaign."

Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's, is also delighted with the long-anticipated launch event. "The Campaign ensures that we have the resources in place to remain a first-class institution," he said. He described this as an exciting era of growth and enrichment for Saint Mary's, which aims to remain both educationally relevant and increasingly competitive.

"The Campaign's success will put vital resources in the hands of faculty, students, staff and the community served by Saint Mary's," he said. He took a moment to single out the stellar academic record of faculty, calling it the "basis for successful fundraising."

Zach Churchill, President of the Saint Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA), praised the Campaign effort and, in particular, the team of volunteers being led by Paul Sobey. He applauded the team for reaching the \$24 million mark already, calling it a "remarkable achievement." Churchill also noted the University's success in raising over \$2.2 million to date for new scholarships and bursaries, adding that the students have undertaken a similar effort to simultaneously raise money for student financial aid.

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# Saint Mary's and MSVU Collaborate on Major Youth Gambling Study

A Saint Mary's professor is part of a team of researchers who have been awarded a ten-month grant to conduct a comprehensive, independent research study into youth gambling.

Dr. David Perrier, a professor of criminology and sociology, will work with five professors from Mount Saint Vincent University (MSVU) to examine the causes, processes, outcomes and impacts of gambling on youth in Nova Scotia. The faculty from MSVU include Professor Karen Blotnick, Dr. Mallika Das, Dr. Michael Fitzgerald, Dr. Fred French and Dr. Deborah Norris. They will be assisted by graduate research assistants Elaine Seniuk, Erin Power and Pam Ross. Areas of study include gender differences, experiences of the family members of youth identified as problem gamblers, and accessibility of Nova Scotia youth to gambling activities.

The grant was awarded by the Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation (NSGC). Marie Mullally, President and CEO of the NSGC, stated, "To ensure that the business of gambling in our province is carried out in a safe, carefully regulated and socially responsible manner, understanding how to prevent gambling among young people is an important component."

"The unique combination of academic perspectives the team provides through a multidisciplinary approach is the foundation for rich, varied research. The results will further inform prevention programming and gambling policy in Nova Scotia, adding to our insight about the issue of youth gambling and ultimately helping us make the best decision."

The task involves designing, conducting and completing a pilot study of the social and behavioural conditions and contexts that may be associated with the development and prevention of youth (ages 12 to 24) problem gambling behaviours.

The team was awarded the \$75,000 contract following a rigorous RFP process. Together the six researchers bring expertise in child and youth, family studies, sociology, psychology, education, business and tourism.

The research results will be presented to the NSGC in the spring of 2007.



The C-V has been set up in one of the chemistry laboratories in the newly renovated Science Building.

## Successful Project for Early Stage Commercialization Funding

The Saint Mary's University Industry Liaison Office collaborated with Dr. Robert Singer, chemistry department, earlier this year in preparing an application for an early stage commercial fund provided by Nova Scotia's Office for Economic Development and InNOVAcorp Inc.

The teamwork paid off as Dr. Singer was awarded \$22,000 to purchase new Cyclic Voltammetry (C-V) instrumentation in addition to \$5,000 toward patent protection in the United States. The C-V unveiling was delayed until October following the completion of laboratory renovations in the Science Building.

"This new fund is very much focused on early stage discoveries developed in University laboratories" said Gina Funicelli, Industry Liaison Officer. Funicelli added that she hopes to leverage more of this type of funding for Saint Mary's in the future.

The C-V will be used to enhance the department's research capacity in Green Chemistry, an emerging field of research in Canada and around the globe. At Saint Mary's, a key focus of green chemistry research is on "designer ionic liquids" as "green solvents."

Such liquids have the potential of chelating (removing) metals from aqueous solutions including contaminated water-based waste streams. The C-V is vital to further characterizing the electrochemical properties of these green solvents to better understand their industrial applications.

"We are actively involved in an area of chemical research, ionic liquids, that is very competitive on a global scale. With the assistance of the ILO, we were successful in acquiring a critical piece of electrochemical instrumentation to enable us to more aggressively compete in our research field." Singer reported.

Given their potential benefits, various industry sectors – including pharmaceuticals, chemical production, and the mining sector – are interested in the development of these compounds. Once commercialized, the new compounds could bring significant reductions in traditional industrial solvent use, reduce harmful emissions to the environment, and offer savings in production and operation costs to companies.

The C-V electrochemical studies will get underway this fall. The results will be important in advancing the prototype along the path to commercialization. With the partnership between Singer and the ILO firmly established, together they will seek interest among potential private sector partners to invest in advancing the technology at Saint Mary's.

## Hearts & Minds (Cont'd from Page 1)



Paul Sobey, Campaign Chairman, announces that the University community has already raised \$24 million for the Hearts & Minds campaign.

Twelve-foot high video screens surrounded guests and featured a presentation demonstrating the impact of Saint Mary's University and the benefits of the Hearts & Minds Campaign.

"For any organization, \$40 million represents an ambitious goal," said Anne Melanson, Director of the Hearts & Minds Capital Campaign. "But the University's friends are showing exceptional support. Faculty, staff, students, and friends have brought the University to the 60% mark. We're off to a fantastic start."

Find out more about the Hearts & Minds Capital Campaign at [www.heartsandminds.ca](http://www.heartsandminds.ca).

## United Way (Cont'd from Page 1)

Dr. Dodds concurred, adding that individuals can earmark their donations to one of the many deserving local organizations that receives United Way funding or to a charity of their choice.

In the tradition of past kick-offs, the tug-of-war event pitted our varsity athletes, captained by Dr. Dodds, against faculty and staff, captained by the Huskies mascot. After everyone flexed their muscles for a good cause, the faculty/staff team emerged the winner. Dr. Jeff Power, professor of accounting, accepted the trophy on behalf of the team.

United Way of Halifax Region is recognized across Canada as a leader in community building. In addition to raising funds, coordinating volunteer time and skills, and bringing people and organizations together, United Way invests in agencies and neighbourhoods to make a measurable difference in our community. The areas of focus support young children and families, foster individual well-being and self-sufficiency, increase safety in homes and neighbourhoods and strengthen the voluntary sector.

A strong force in our community for more than 75 years, the United Way is always quick to provide help in times of crisis or despair. In the aftermath of Hurricane Juan in 2003, the United Way swiftly responded by setting up a Neighbourhood Rebuilding Fund to assist those who were hit hardest.

At the October 2 kick-off event, Ken MacCauley, United Way representative, stated that the organization's goal for 2006 is to raise \$5.5 million. "We are fully confident that we can reach this year's goal," said MacCauley. "Any gift that you can provide, no matter how large or small, will have a direct impact upon bettering our neighbourhood."

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RAK Squad volunteers pause for a photo after collecting more than 100 bags of clothing for charity. Clockwise from left: Ali Whalen, Alison Sykora, Chris MacDougall, Shannon Blaikie, Christy Lopez, Adam Lordon, and Mitch Gillingwater.

## RAK Squad Extends a Helping Hand to Halifax Charity

Saint Mary's students are once again giving back to the community in which they live. On October 3, 2006 – just in time for the upcoming Thanksgiving weekend – approximately 20 members of the University's Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) Squad took to the streets for the second annual community clothing drive.

An initiative spearheaded two years ago by the Saint Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA) in partnership with the Pride in Our Shared Neighbourhood Committee, the RAK Squad consists of a number student volunteers who contribute their time and energy to various community service activities.

Adam Lordon, SMUSA Volunteer Program Coordinator, said that this year's community clothing drive was a resounding success. "It was amazing to see the number of student volunteers who signed up to help with this year's clothing Drive," he said. "It's a true reflection of the spirit of philanthropy that exists among Santamarians. Everyone recognizes the importance of community outreach."

Lordon noted that the response by neighbours was equally enthusiastic. As a result, the students collected more than 100 recycling bags filled with clothing. All of the items were subsequently donated to the Halifax-based charity, Hand-in-Hand Outreach.

"Hand in Hand Outreach sells the clothing for a low suggested donation or, in many cases, simply gives it away," explained Lordon.

Students, faculty and staff were also able to drop off clothing items at donation drive bins located on campus in the Dockside Cafeteria and at the SMUSA Information Desk.

To learn more about the RAK Squad and upcoming volunteer activities, please contact SMUSA at 902.496.8700.

## Sobey School of Business Prof Wins President's Award from IPMA-Canada



Dr. Terry Wagar is the 2006 recipient of the President's Award from the International Personnel Management Association of Canada (IPMA-Canada).

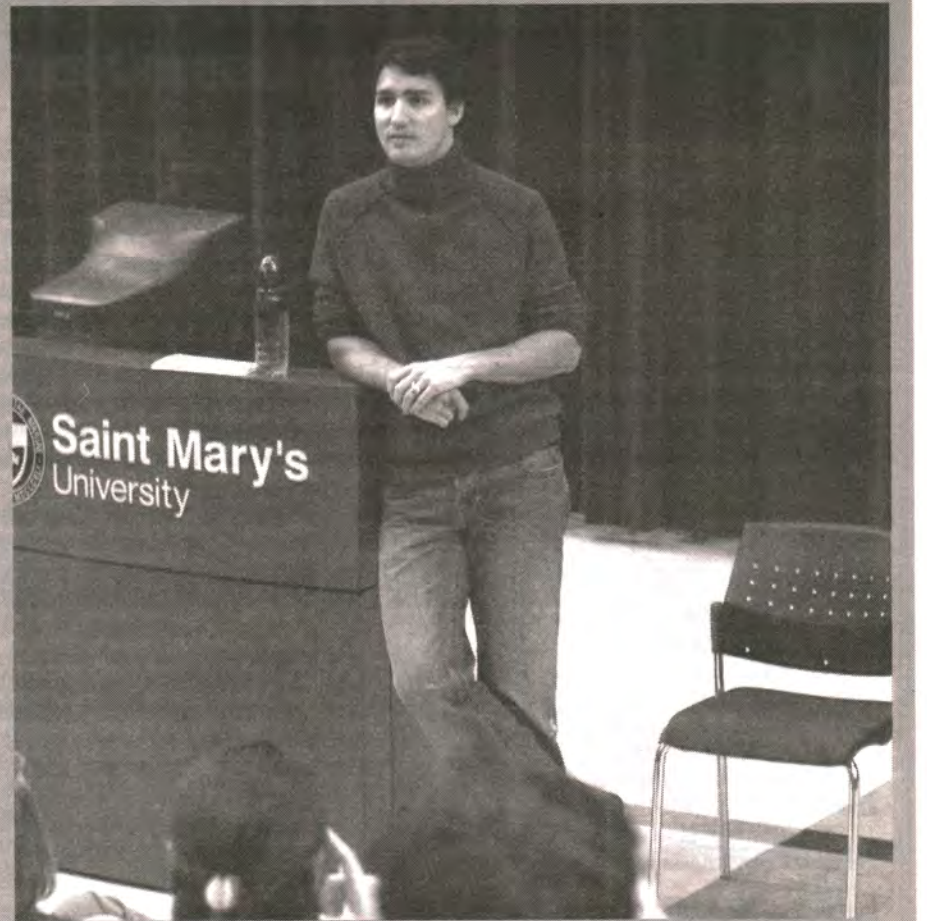
Dr. Terry Wagar, a professor of Industrial Relations and Human Resource Management in the Sobey School of Business, has received the President's Award from the International Personnel Management Association of Canada (IPMA-Canada). The President's Award recognizes individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the practice of human resource management in Canada. The highest honour granted by the IPMA, it is comparable to the granting of an honorary doctoral degree by a university.

Ray Deck, National Past President and Chairperson of the IPMA-Canada Awards Committee, applauded Wagar's contributions to the field. In a congratulatory letter, Deck wrote, "You are recognized as a great ambassador for academia and as a positive role model for management professionals as evidenced by your continued commitment to teaching excellence. Your valuable expertise, approachability, support and infectious enthusiasm for your subject areas have made a substantial positive impact on the careers of many human resource professionals."

Added Deck, "I commend your dedication and contributions to the human resources field through your research, studies, writing, teaching and mentoring."

The President's Award recognizes Dr. Wagar's professional background, his accomplishments, and his contributions to the human resources community. The award also recognizes his significant contributions to the education of individuals in both an academic setting and the corporate environment. According to IPMA-Canada, his efforts have greatly enhanced the understanding and appreciation of effective human resource management practices and the implications of those practices for organizations and individuals.

Dr. Wagar was recently presented with the President's Award at a special luncheon hosted by IPMA-Canada in Halifax. IPMA-Canada is an international human resources association with locations in 27 countries worldwide. It has been in existence, under various names, since 1906 and has members in every province.



On October 15, 2006, Justin Trudeau led an interactive forum in the McNally Theatre Auditorium. Approximately 60 Saint Mary's students attended the event which focused on the environment and the role that students can play in protecting it. Photo credit: Joel Miller

## Saint Mary's Shines in Publication Rankings

Canadian University Publications (CUP) has identified Saint Mary's as a leader when it comes to faculty published in major academic journals. In the special report, *Canada's Top Universities: Publication Rankings by Subfield*, Saint Mary's shines in a number of key areas.

In the Natural Sciences and Engineering category, Saint Mary's Chemistry department ranked seventh overall, while Physics came in sixth place. In the Social Sciences category, Economics came in eighth while Sociology was ranked seventh overall.

Dr. Kevin Vessey, Dean of the faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, noted the significance of Saint Mary's high rankings. "The results reported by CUP are exciting news for Saint Mary's," said Vessey. "They show how successful our faculty are in getting their research published."

In addition to the individual discipline rankings, Saint Mary's earned the second-place spot in the all-important category of overall Publication Effectiveness. Added Vessey, "This means that our professors' publications have an extremely high level of impact relative to the amount of money spent to fund the research. In other words, our research has a big bang for its buck."

CUP measured the publication rate among Canada's universities from 1999 through 2004, and only reported those institutions that ranked in the top ten.

## University Appoints New Director of Continuing Education

Elizabeth (Betty) MacDonald has accepted an appointment as Director of Continuing Education at Saint Mary's University, effective October 30, 2006, for an initial term of six years.

MacDonald is a graduate of Saint Mary's University (B.Comm., magna cum laude, 1975) and also holds a Master of Arts in Economics from the University of Western Ontario (1977). Following her graduation, she served briefly as a Lecturer in Economics at the University of Calgary before going on to a rich and varied career in the private and public sectors.

For the last ten years, MacDonald has held senior positions with the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM), including Director of Governance and Strategic Initiatives (2004-06) where she played a role in the development of the Regional Plan, the Economic Strategy, and the Integrated City Initiative. Since March of this year, she has served as Director of Business Planning and Information Management for HRM.

MacDonald is an ardent supporter of education and the critical role that it plays in personal, social and economic development.

## Alumni Dinner Kicks Off Unforgettable Weekend of Events

On September 21, 2006 more than 200 Saint Mary's alumni gathered in the main ballroom of the Westin Nova Scotian to kick off this year's Alumni Weekend. The sold-out event, which attracted alumni from across Canada and around the world, featured a keynote speech by the Honourable Mayann E. Francis, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia. Francis, a Saint Mary's alumna, was appointed to the position by Prime Minister Stephen Harper earlier this year.

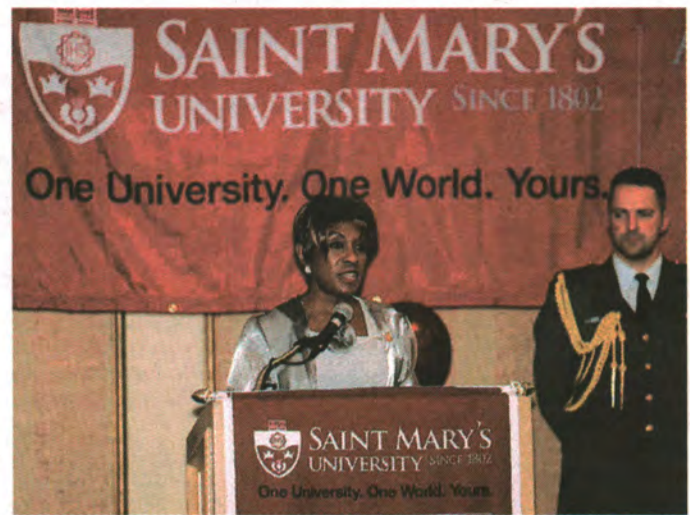
John Francis (BComm '99) served as emcee for the event which included special guests Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's, and his wife, Carol; Dr. Elaine Gordon and her husband, Robert Cragg; the Honourable Joseph Kennedy and his wife Helen; Stephen Leahy and his wife Dennice; and Archbishop Terrence Prendergast, S.J., Chancellor of Saint Mary's University.

The keynote address by the Honourable Mayann E. Francis was one of the highlights of the evening. Francis, who is the first African Nova Scotian to hold the position of Lieutenant Governor, engaged the audience with her inspirational message and warm style. Other highlights included the presentation of the 2006 Alumnus of the Year Award to Dick Franklin (BComm '69). Franklin was recently presented with an honorary Doctorate from Saint Mary's in recognition of his tremendous business success and his support to the Saint Mary's community. He currently resides in Denver, Colorado.

Dr. Edna Keeble, professor of political science, was also recognized for winning this year's Father Stewart Medal for Excellence in Teaching, an award presented annually by the University's Alumni Association. Keeble was formally presented with the award at the May 2006 Convocation.

Boris Mirtchev (BSc. '96 and MBA '99), an active alumnus and supporter of Saint Mary's, gave the Grace before dinner. Paul O'Hearn (BComm '82), President of the Alumni Association, Wendy Brookhouse (MBA '02), and Chuck Bridges (MBA '02), Vice-President (Assoc.) External Affairs, also spoke at the event.

Congratulations to this year's dinner committee for an extraordinary evening. Dinner committee members included Stephen Kelly, Angela Bishop, Marcel Dupupette, Christine Craig, Karen Ross, Krista Armstrong and BJ Frenette.



The Honourable, Mayann E. Francis (BA '72), The Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia gave the keynote address at the 2006 Alumni Dinner.



Left to right: Spencer LeBlanc, Matt Risser, Chris MacDougall, Holly Underhill, Mitch Gillingwater, Shane Cunningham, Laura Stanford, Emeka Chinabu, Leah Bilodeau, and Jeff Lohnes were among the current Saint Mary's students in attendance at this year's Alumni Dinner.



Left to right: Paul O'Hearn, President, Alumni Association; Mrs. Judy Leitch; Dr. David Leitch, Director, Atlantic Centre for Students with Disabilities; and the Honourable Mayann E. Francis (BA '72), Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia.

## Saint Mary's Alumni Association Holds Annual Golf Tournament



Approximately 150 participants took part in this year's Saint Mary's Alumni Association Golf Tournament at Granite Springs Golf and Country Club. Among those participating were, left to right, Lori Barker, Shelley LeBrun, James Donner (front), Ellen Townsend, and Lori Smith.



Left to right: Wayne Grady, Lauchie MacKenzie, Bryan Duffy, Mary Jane Walsh and Larry Hood

# Saint Mary's Salutes Its Sports Heroes

It was a sold out show that no one will soon forget. On September 23, 2006, the University hosted its annual Sport Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony at the Tower Courtside Lounge. More than 100 people gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of this year's inductees, Michael Curry, Reginald Joseph MacDougall, and Dr. Robert Ruotolo.



Reginald Joseph MacDougall, Dr. Robert Ruotolo and Michael Curry were inducted into the Sport Hall of Fame on September 23, 2006.

A large number of alumni were in attendance including some who traveled from New Hampshire, Boston, Denver, Vancouver and Toronto specifically to attend the Induction Ceremony.

Each of the inductees spoke fondly of their memories of Saint Mary's, eliciting enthusiastic responses that ranged from laughter to tears. Dr. David Murphy, Saint Mary's Athletics Director and member of the University Sport Hall of Fame and Heritage Centre Steering Committee, commended the inductees for their accomplishments and contributions to sport.

"We are proud to have such a high calibre of athletes inducted into our Hall this year," said Murphy.

Paul Puma, Chair of the Sport Hall of Fame and Heritage Centre, added, "This year we are honouring outstanding athletes from the 50s, 60s and 70s. This clearly demonstrates the tradition of athletic excellence and pride at Saint Mary's that spans over decades."

From 1973 to 1977, Michael Curry enjoyed a successful career as a varsity athlete at Saint Mary's. After graduating from Pinkerton Academy in Derry, New Hampshire, Curry knew that Saint Mary's offered the perfect environment at which to play football and obtain an education.

As a rookie, he was a member of the first Vanier Cup College Bowl Championship team and proved himself as a stellar athlete on the field during the 1973 season. In 1974, 1975, and 1976, he was named the AIAA All Star Offensive Guard. Also in 1975 and 1976, he was the Saint Mary's football team's Block and Tackle award winner. He served as Team Captain in 1975 and 1976 and was a Letterman during his last two years as a player with the Huskies football team. In 1976, Curry was named the Saint Mary's Male Athlete of the Year.

As a member of the Saint Mary's University 1973 football team, he was inducted into the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame in 1986. In 1998, as a member of that same team, he was subsequently inducted into the Saint Mary's University Sport Hall of Fame and Heritage Centre.

Curry has always kept in close touch with his fellow football players from the 1970s, and remains a major supporter of his alma mater.

Reginald Joseph MacDougall proved he had unique talent both on the ice and on the field. As a varsity athlete at the University, he played for the Huskies hockey team from 1956 to 1960, and played Junior and Senior Intercollegiate Football from 1957 to 1960.

As a football player, he was instrumental in helping his team to a number of notable successes in 1957. These included the Nova Scotia Football Championship, the Maritime Junior Football Championship and the Eastern Canadian Football Championship. In 1959, his team placed second overall in the Maritime Intercollegiate League and, one year later, defeated Dalhousie University and won the Lobster Trap Trophy, a symbol of city university football supremacy. This marked the Huskies inaugural season in the Atlantic Football Conference, an amalgamation of the Intercollegiate Leagues and the Nova Scotia Senior Football League.

MacDougall was also a key player on the Huskies hockey team. This team proved itself a strong force as it finished first place overall in the Atlantic Division in 1960.

His talent and dedication to varsity sport earned him a special invitation to the Montreal Jr. Canadiens training camp in the summer of 1956. He was also named Athlete of the Year by Saint Mary's in 1958, and in 1959 was awarded the Most Valuable Player (Hockey) of the Year.

During his time at the University, MacDougall also served as Treasurer for the Saint Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA). In his final year of studies, SMUSA awarded him with the "Gold M" Award which is the highest award granted to an individual each year for participation in extra-curricular activities.

After graduating from Saint Mary's, he went on to earn a Bachelor of Education Degree and Master of Education Degree, serving as a teacher at a number of schools in both Halifax and Calgary where, for 25 years, he served as the Saint Mary's Alumni Representative.

Dr. Robert Ruotolo graduated from Saint Mary's in 1965 having left his mark as one of the most outstanding football athletes of the early to mid 1960s.

He began playing football in 1953 at the age of ten and was a lettered athlete in junior high school. In high school, he played halfback for Brewster Academy, Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, winning the Lake Region Championship in his final season from 1958-59. Ruotolo was also lettered in hockey at Brewster Academy as a goalie. After high school, he was accepted at the University of Wichita, Kansas, and was offered a place on the University's football team with an athletic scholarship pending. Fortunately for Saint Mary's, his parish priest suggested that he come here to play ball.

During his years as a football player with the Huskies, Ruotolo and his teammates worked hard to achieve their much deserved success. In 1964, the Huskies football team won the Atlantic Bowl Championship. In that same year, he was named All Canadian First Team Middle Linebacker and, for three of his five years at the University, was named Defensive Back Conference All-Star.

Ruotolo's athletic career also included a short stint on the Huskies hockey team. In the 1962 season, Mike Antle, the University's regular goalie, was injured just prior to an upcoming game against rival Acadia University. Ruotolo was called upon to play in goal in place of Antle. The Huskies won and Ruotolo got a 1-0 shutout – yet another example of his all-around athletic prowess.

Ruotolo's extra curricular activities were not, however, limited to sports. He also served as a council member for SMUSA and as President of the Boarder's Society – both elected offices with considerable responsibilities.

He holds a Masters Degree in Social Work from Dalhousie University and earned his PhD from the University of Pennsylvania in 1973.

The purpose of the Saint Mary's University Sport Hall of Fame and Heritage Centre is to recognize those individuals who have made a significant contribution to the athletic programs at Saint Mary's, and who, as a result of this contribution, have enhanced the image and reputation of the institution. In celebration of the rich tradition and heritage of sport and recreation at Saint Mary's University, the Sport Hall of Fame and Heritage Centre was founded in 1995. For well over 200 years, students, faculty and staff have shared a sport tradition as athletes, builders and teams.

## Golden Grads Luncheon Celebrates Class of 1956



Dick Franklin (BComm '69) and Heather Fitzpatrick, Senior Development Officer pause for a photo at the Golden Grads Luncheon. Franklin received the Alumnus of the Year Award at the Alumni Dinner that was held the previous evening.



Left to right, John Hart (HS '55), Paul Glenster and Byrne Williams (Dip Eng '57) were among the attendees at the Golden Grads Luncheon.

This year's Golden Grads Luncheon, a Saint Mary's Alumni Weekend tradition, was held on September 22, 2006. The event drew more than 80 alumni and friends – all of whom joined the University in celebrating the class of 1956.

Speakers included Dr. Jack Buckley (BA '56 and Doctor of Civil Law, Honoris Causa '97); Walter Nolan (HS '52); James Butler (BComm '56); Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's; Wendy Brookhouse (BComm '91 and MBA '02), Co-Chair of Alumni Weekend 2006; and Paul O'Hearn (BComm '82), President of the University's Alumni Association.

# Saint Mary's Promotes Nova Scotia

Saint Mary's University is among the 12 private-sector organizations that have joined the province to promote Nova Scotia and its attributes wherever they do business.

The organizations, who recently signed the Nova Scotia "Come to Life" charter with Premier Rodney MacDonald, include Saint Mary's; the Brain Repair Centre; Credit Union Atlantic; Acadian Seaplants; Easons Transport Ltd.; Michelin; Oxford Frozen Foods; the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters - Nova Scotia division; Glenora Inn and Distillery; the Cape Breton Partnership; C-Vision; and Eastlink Television.

Chuck Bridges, Vice-President (Assoc.) of External Affairs at Saint Mary's, represented the University at the signing ceremony.



Following the signing of the "Come to Life" Charter, Premier Rodney MacDonald and Chuck Bridges, Vice-President (Assoc.) External Affairs, display their pride for their alma maters by showing off their university rings. Bridges is a graduate of Saint Mary's (MBA, Sobey School of Business) and MacDonald graduated from St. Francis Xavier University.

Premier Rodney MacDonald stated, "The new charter members are a diverse group, representing the best things about our province. They are innovative, creative, smart and successful. They are also well connected to the rest of the world, and can help us expand our message to a much broader audience."

The charter formalizes the involvement of public- and private-sector organizations in telling Nova Scotia's story. As a charter member, each organization agrees to help develop and support the "Come to Life" initiative.

Nova Scotia's "Come to Life" initiative uses eight simple words to describe the attributes that make this province and its people unique: *coastal, accessible, safe, genuine, dependable, creative, innovative, and resourceful*. Taken as a whole, these attributes help embody the variety and balance that give the province its unrivalled quality of life. "Come to Life" markets Nova Scotia as an excellent place in which to live, work, invest, receive an education, play, and visit.

Earlier charter members include the Halifax International Airport Authority; Greater Halifax Partnership; EduNova; International Language Institute; High Liner Foods Incorporated; Scotia Slate; Nova Scotia Fruit Growers Association; Credit Union Central; Atlantic Superstore; Heritage Gas; Alexander Keith's; and RCR Hospitality Group.

## New Course Focuses on Halifax's Military History



Students can now learn more about Halifax's military history thanks to a new course being offered through the Division of Continuing Education at Saint Mary's.

The course, *Halifax and the Military Since 1749*, will provide students with a unique insight into the relationship between the community of Halifax and its military establishment over the past 250 years. The idea for the course developed as a result of the enthusiastic response to Parks Canada's Changing of the Guard events at Citadel Hill this summer.

Professor Don Chard teaches the course at the Spring Garden Road branch of the Halifax Public Library.

"From 1749 until 1945, the history of Halifax was a cycle of booms and busts, with great activity during times of war, and comparative inactivity in peacetime," said Chard. "After 1945, the city became less dependent on the military. While merchants and others prospered from the presence of the military, there were often tensions between the military and civilian populations in the city. The real goal in this course is to have students explore the dynamics of the relationship, including social and economic aspects of the relationship."

The book, *Halifax, the First 250 Years*, authored by Judith Fingard, Janet Guilford, and David Sutherland, will be used to support course lectures. To provide students with an even broader perspective on the history of the military, Chard has scheduled such distinguished guest speakers as Fingard and Stephen Kimber.

# University Celebrates Dr. Dick Chesley's Illustrious Career



Dr. Dick Chesley, accounting professor, has retired following 17 years of service to the Sobey School of Business at Saint Mary's.

On October 5, 2006, members of the University community gathered to recognize Dr. G.R. (Dick) Chesley for his 17 years of service to the Sobey School of Business at Saint Mary's. A highly respected accounting professor, Chesley was honoured by faculty, staff, students and alumni at the retirement party held in the Unilever Executive Lounge.

Speakers at the event included Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's, and Dr. David Wicks, Dean of the Sobey School of Business. Dr. Peter Secord and Dr. Jeff Power – both professors in the accounting department – read a number of e-mails that had been sent by colleagues and former students now living around the world.

In an emotional but entertaining speech, Chesley credited his success to his wife of 40 years, Dianna.

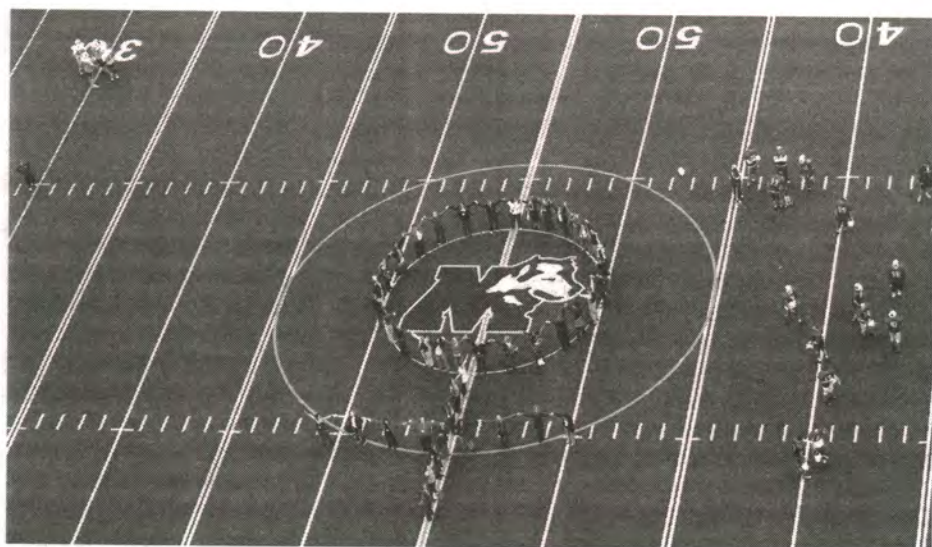
"I have many people to thank today," he told the crowd. "But the only person I will thank is my wife, Dianna. She is the one who has been with me throughout my entire career. She is a special person, who I love dearly, and she is the reason why I have had such a successful career in academia," he smiled.

Before coming to Saint Mary's in 1989, Chesley held positions at Dalhousie University and the University of Pennsylvania (Wharton School of Business) along with visiting positions at Lingnan University, Baptist University, Hong Kong, and the University of Iowa, Iowa City.

He is a graduate of Mount Allison University, Sackville, NB, and Ohio State University, and was a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nova Scotia.

Chesley's career activities include numerous research publications in journals such as the *Accounting Review* and the *Journal of Accounting Research*, books such as six editions of *Managerial Accounting*, three editions of *Fundamentals of Financial Accounting*, both published with McGraw-Hill Ryerson (Irwin). In 1996, he was presented with the prestigious L.S. Rosen Outstanding Educator Award by the Canadian Academic Accounting Association.

Dr. Chesley will remain active as an academic in the Master of Finance Program offered via the Sobey School of Business.



On October 14, 2006, participants in this year's Atlantic Waves Conference formed the universal symbol for female at Huskies Field. Atlantic Waves, a student-led conference aimed at connecting community and academic feminists, while furthering women's equality in Atlantic Canada, took place at Saint Mary's University from October 13-15, 2006. Photo credit: Jodi Bucholtz Photography



On the evening of this year's home opener football game in September, Saint Mary's held a special ceremony at the Tower Courtside Lounge to thank donors for their support to the University.

Left to right: Paul O'Hearn (BComm '82), Alumni Association President; Alex Handyside (MBA '00), member of the Alumni Executive; and Boris Mirtchev (BSc '96 and MBA '99), CEO of MIC Consulting and owner of Hamachi House, Hamachi Steakhouse, Rogi Orazio, and Ekaterina's Fine World Chocolates, were among those in attendance.

# Scholarly Professional DEVELOPMENT

## ATLANTIC CANADA STUDIES

**Dr. Peter L. Twohig**, Canada Research Chair in Atlantic Canada Studies, hosted the 79th Annual Meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine in May 2006. This meeting brought 350 scholars from around the world to Halifax. In July, he once again served as the program chair for Making Sense of Health, Illness and Disease, an interdisciplinary conference held at Mansfield College, Oxford University.

## ENGLISH

**Dr. Wendy Katz**, Department of English, presented a paper entitled "Stevenson's 'With the Children of Israel': The Discourse of Race" at the Transatlantic Stevenson conference in Saranac Lake, New York, July 2006. She also chaired a session on "Medicine and Robert Louis Stevenson" at the same conference.

**Dr. Michael Larsen** delivered a conference paper on "John Godey and Crimes of the Century" at the annual Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association Meeting in Atlanta, April of 2006 and published *Partners for Progress: A Canada - Africa Venture in University Building*, edited by **Michael J. Larsen** and **James H. Morrison**, Fernwood Books Ltd., 2006.

## HISTORY

**Prof. Rosana Barbosa** from the History Department presented the paper, "French and Portuguese Immigration to Rio de Janeiro in the 1830s and 1840s," during the CALACS conference, Calgary University, Sept. 28-30. She's also chairing and commenting on the panel: Perspectives on Brazilian Popular Culture.

On July 8, **Dr. Michael Vance**, History Department, gave a keynote address, "From Cape Breton to Vancouver Island: Studying the Scots in Canada," at a conference held at Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand, entitled "Scots Abroad: The New Zealand Scots in International Perspective."

## PHILOSOPHY

In August 2006, **Dr. Chris MacDonald**, Philosophy Department presented a paper entitled, "Does Corporate Moral Motivation Matter?" to the Society for Business Ethics meeting in Atlanta, and gave a day-long seminar on ethics to MBA students at the University of Tulsa.

**Dr. Sheldon Wein**, Professor of Philosophy and of International Development Studies presented a paper "From MADness to SANity (From Mutual Assured Destruction to Sustained Assurance Networks)" at a conference held in Vancouver in September on Reconceptualizing War for a New Century.

## POLITICAL SCIENCE

**Dr. Stella Gaon** attended an international, interdisciplinary conference, "Following Derrida: Legacies," at the University of Manitoba from October 4-7, 2006. The conference was organized by the interdisciplinary journal Mosaic. There she presented a paper entitled, "Derrida's desire... for justice."

**Dr. Alexandra Dobrowolsky** co-edited with **Dr. Evangelia Tastsoglou** the book: *Women, Migration and Citizenship: Making Local, National and Transnational Connections* (Ashgate, 2006); and has published chapters in two new volumes on Canadian politics (one with Pearson-Prentice Hall; the other with McGill-Queen's University Press, 2006). She presented a paper in May at the "Why Citizenship" conference held in the Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, and, in June, organized and chaired a full-day Workshop, as well as acted as a Section Head for three days of sessions, at the Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA) Annual Meetings, York University. Alexandra was also awarded the 2006 Jill Vickers Prize by the CPSA.

## SOCIOLOGY/CRIMINOLOGY

**Dr. Linda Liebenberg** presented a paper on "Early intervention of aggressive behavior, psychoactive substance abuse and low school performance in Medellín, Colombia" at the CIDA Children's rights and international development: Research, challenges and change conference, hosted by the University of Ottawa in June 2006, with her colleague **Dr. Luis Duque** of the School of Public Health, University of Antioquia, Colombia. The aim of the conference was to highlight the findings of 13 research programs funded by the CIDA Child Protection Research Fund.



## In the News...

**Dr. J. Colin Dodds**, President of Saint Mary's, was quoted in The Halifax Chronicle Herald regarding the \$300,000 in funding received from NSERC (Natural Science and Engineering Research Council) for science researchers at Saint Mary's. Dr. Dodds' comments regarding the launch of the University's Hearts & Minds Capital Campaign were included in the Halifax Daily News and aired on CBC TV News (Canada Now), CBC Radio (Main Street and Information Morning - Halifax), SUN FM Radio (Halifax) and CJCH AM Radio (Halifax). In an interview with CBC Radio's Mainstreet, Dr. Dodds also commented on the prospect of Nova Scotia's universities merging and sharing services.

**Dr. David Wicks**, Dean of the Sobey School of Business, was featured in The Halifax Daily News. The story focused on the goals he has set in his role as Dean at one of Canada's leading business schools. Dr. Wicks was also interviewed by the National Post/Financial Post regarding the value of MBA degrees in the corporate world. In September, the Nova Scotia Business Journal (NSBJ) and Business Voice Magazine ran stories on Dr. Wicks' appointment to Dean. The NSBJ also quoted Dr. Wicks in an article on the high ranking that the Sobey School of Business received in the annual Corporate Knights Magazine Rankings of Business Schools in Canada.

**Dr. Jim Cameron**, Psychology Department, was featured on the front page of the National Post. The publication highlighted his research on the personality traits of NHL goalies.

**Dr. Jamal Badawi**, Professor Emeritus of Management/Religious Studies Departments, appeared in The Associated Press (AP), The Boston Globe, and The Halifax Chronicle-Herald talking about Islam culture and religion.

The Halifax Daily News referenced the expertise of **Dr. Paul Erickson**, Anthropology Department, in an article discussing how the Rolling Stones developed such a strong fan base since their formation in the early 1960s.

**Dr. Tanya Peckmann**, Anthropology Department, was interviewed by CBC French Radio regarding her research involving 3-D facial reconstruction. Here Magazine (New Brunswick) featured Dr. Peckmann and her summer graduate student, Shawna Peterson (University of Strathclyde), as its cover story. The provincial magazine reported on their experiences testing a new electronic device, the EM-38B at Saint Mary's. The tests were being conducted to determine if the EM-38B can detect the presence of human remains buried in shallow clandestine graves.

**Dr. David Perrier**, Sociology/Criminology Department, is currently working with other researchers in Halifax on a project that explores youth gambling. His research team recently received \$75,000 from the Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation to conduct this research. News of the research study was picked up by the Canadian Press (CP), and was published in a number of newspapers including the North Bay Nugget, the Kitchener-Waterloo Record, the Halifax Chronicle-Herald, the Halifax Daily News, the Truro Daily News, the Moncton Times and Transcript, and the Cape Breton Post. Global TV News and CTV News both reported on this story as well.

The Halifax Daily News ran a feature story of the recently published book by **MacDonald Ighodaro**, Criminology/Sociology Department, entitled *Living the Experience* (Fernwood, 2006).

**Dr. Kevin Kelloway**, Psychology Department and Management Department, was busy with the media in September, providing his expertise as to why government employees typically do not take lunches. Media outlets that utilized his expertise included the Canadian Press (CP), the Halifax Daily News, the Halifax Chronicle-Herald, CTV News, CBC TV (Canada Now), the North Bay Nugget, the Kitchener-Waterloo Record, the Edmonton Journal and the Calgary Herald.

The Halifax Chronicle-Herald highlighted the fact that **Dr. Terry Wagar**, Management Department, has received the 2006 President's Award from the Personnel Management Association of Canada (IPMA-Canada).

**Dr. John Chamard**, Marketing Department, appeared on Global TV News a number of times in September discussing Sunday shopping in Nova Scotia.

**Dr. Leonard Preyra**, Political Science Department, has been busy with the media addressing a number of issues in politics. As the Halifax-Citadel MLA, he has been speaking about access to education, healthcare, and the political system to media outlets including the Canadian Press (CP), the Halifax Daily News, the Halifax Chronicle-Herald, the Cape Breton Post, CTV News, CBC Radio (Halifax), and CBC TV (Canada Now).

**Dr. Jonathon Fowler**, Anthropology Department, was interviewed by CBC's Land and Sea regarding the dig that he and his students conducted this past summer at Grand Pre. The documentary is expected to air sometime this winter.

**Dr. Chris MacDonald**, Philosophy Department, was highlighted in the Halifax Chronicle-Herald about a recent talk on business ethics that he delivered at Saint Mary's. The lecture was part of the Opening Doors Sessions that took place during Alumni Weekend.

**Dr. Brian Bartlett**, English Department, was highlighted by the Halifax Daily News as a multiple winner of the Atlantic Poetry Prize.

**Dr. David Sable**, Religious Studies Department, and **Martin Rutte**, Chair of the Board of the Centre for Spirituality and the Workplace at Saint Mary's, were interviewed live on CJCH Radio (Halifax). Both spoke of the importance of spirituality in the workplace.

**Dr. Greg MacKinnon**, Finance, Information Systems & Management Science Department, appeared in the Edmonton Journal, the Calgary Herald, the Vancouver Sun, and the Halifax Daily News regarding Clearwater's Income Trust Funds.

**Dr. Judy Haiven**, Management Department, was a guest on CBC Radio (Information Morning - Halifax) where she discussed the meaning of Labour Day. The Halifax Chronicle-Herald also published an editorial by Dr. Haiven in which she discussed the province's treatment of its poor.

**Dr. David Turner**, Astronomy and Physics Department, spoke to the Halifax Chronicle-Herald about the planet Pluto.

**Keith Hotchkiss**, Director of Student Services, appeared on CTV News where he spoke about the student population in Halifax and its benefits to the economy.

# Conflict Resolution Trip Has Lasting Impact



Bridget Brownlow, Conflict Resolution Advisor, and Zach Churchill were warmly welcomed by students at the Edenbrooke School in the Shankill District of North Belfast.

At a time when universities are playing increasingly important societal roles, Saint Mary's has proven to be a leader on a global scale. This commitment to community outreach was exemplified earlier this year when nine students from the University's Irish Society traveled to the Belfast area to participate in the facilitation of conflict resolution workshops. Joined by Bridget Brownlow, Conflict Resolution Advisor at Saint Mary's, the students embarked on what many would later call a "life changing" experience.

Participating students – all of whom had received extensive conflict resolution training in the months preceding the trip – included Zach Churchill, Valerie

Roil, Emily Walsh, Jeremy Legere, Christina Oleksiuk, Mika McGrath, Andrea Coombs, Nathaniel Smith, and Melissa Martin. Each had an opportunity to apply their newly acquired skills through interaction with Belfast area students. Over the course of the ten-day visit, the students visited three schools which reflected the polarity of the Protestant/Catholic division that still exists in the region. They included the Edenbrooke School (primary school for ages four through eleven) in the Protestant (Loyalist) Shankill District of Belfast, Saint Gabriel's Catholic Boys' College (ages eleven through sixteen) in the Catholic (Nationalist) Ardoyne District, and Brownlow Integrated College in Craigavon. With only about 4% of schools in Belfast providing education for both Catholic and Protestant students, the Brownlow Integrated College is particularly unique.

From the moment of their arrival, the Saint Mary's students were struck by the warmth and enthusiasm with which they were received. "The people of Belfast were nothing but nice to us," said Smith. "The reception as to why we were there was great. With the exception of a few people who had no idea what conflict resolution was, we received a lot of thumbs up and handshakes for what we were doing."

Smith described one of the students who made a particular impact on him. "For all intents and purposes, he was a normal kid. He had a wicked sense of humor and understood immediately what we were asking him to do in our exercises." Like most of the students though, the boy had experienced a level of hardship that few of his Canadian peers would understand.

"It was amazing because to see a child laugh, play and generally appear to be normal and then to know what he has experienced, what he lives with everyday, just made me very aware of how different these children were, but at the same time how very much the same they are to me and children in Nova Scotia. This particular child was just one example of the many children in West and North Belfast and their experiences living within this atmosphere of violence."

In addition to seeing the physical remnants of violence that existed between the Protestant and Catholic areas, the participants witnessed the effects that the longstanding conflict has had on the children. Said Churchill, "The first school we went to, Edenbrooke Elementary, was surrounded by brick walls and razor wire. The children didn't even have any green space to play on. At Saint Gabriel's, a Catholic boys school, because of the climate of the community and the situation that most of the students faced at home, the students went to school primarily because it was the only place they felt safe. Even in Brownlow Academy, which is an integrated school, the Protestant students still choose not to partake in Gaelic games. It was unbelievable."

Like Smith and Churchill, Martin was profoundly impacted by her interactions with the children. "My experience in Belfast, Northern Ireland was eye-opening," she said. "Before leaving, I had the idea that the situation in Belfast is not as bad as it used to be and is getting better. However, when we arrived at the school, our first day of the project, my rose-tinted glasses broke. The lasting effect that the 'troubles' have had on these children is heartbreaking. The effort and creativity of their teachers is truly awe-inspiring."

In the months that have passed since the spring excursion, Saint Mary's has been working to maintain a relationship with schools and universities in Northern Ireland.

Pádraig Ó Siadhail, Coordinator, Irish Studies, noted the importance of nurturing the positive relationships that have been established. "This trip has been a truly educational experience for our students," said Ó Siadhail. "Not merely were they imparting their knowledge of conflict resolution skills, but their interactions with Irish school children forced the Saint Mary's students to question and to reassess their preconceptions about the political situation in Northern Ireland. The trip has been about making connections and starting to build relationships that benefit students on both sides of the Atlantic. The next stage must be about strengthening those bonds and relationships. Thus, it is important that Saint Mary's University continues to encourage and support this important initiative next year and in the years ahead."

Brownlow said that the success of the project was due in large part to the support that it received from both the University and the wider community. In particular, she acknowledged the support of Gabrielle Morrison, Vice-President Administration; Terry Murphy, Vice-President, Academic and Research; Human Resources; External Affairs, Alumni Office; International Activities; the Faculty of Arts; Irish Studies; the Faculty of Science; the Saint Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA); the Charitable Irish Society of Halifax; Dr. Brian O'Brien; Jack Harnett; Sea to Sea Productions; Judge Patrick Curran; and Dr. Hetty van Gurp, Director, Peaceful Schools International.

Saint Mary's is the first university both nationally and internationally to have met Peaceful Schools International membership criteria, which includes an institution having a Conflict Resolution Office and training programs for students, faculty and staff on campus.

Peaceful Schools International is highly regarded for its dedication to the development and implementation of conflict resolutions skills and programs within more than 150 different schools locally, regionally and internationally. The founder of Peaceful Schools International is Hetty van Gurp, who started the organization not long after her son died from an incident with a bully at a local school in Halifax. She was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Commerce from Saint Mary's in 2005.

All of the participating Saint Mary's students expressed strong support for more programs of this kind. Said Smith, "I feel like our two weeks in Belfast made a difference. If we can continue to keep those ties, the significance of that difference can only be greater."

## SMUSA to Host Renowned Journalist for World AIDS Day

On December 1, 2006, people around the world will unite in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

In past years, the Saint Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA) has taken the initiative to promote AIDS awareness on campus and this year is no different. SMUSA is pleased to present Joan Baxter, current Assistant Director of the NSGA (Nova Scotia Gambia Association) and former BBC correspondent, on Thursday November 30 – the evening before World Aids Day – at 7:00 p.m. in the McNally Main Auditorium. Ms. Baxter's dynamic presentation will feature her work with the NSGA including her extensive travels to the Gambia to promote AIDS awareness.

Mitch Gillingwater, Vice-President Academic, SMUSA, noted the importance of Baxter's message at a time when awareness, research, and prevention strategies are critically needed. Said Gillingwater, "According to the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), approximately 38.6 million people are living with HIV worldwide. Of these, 2.3 million are children. In 2005, over 4.1 million people became newly infected with this virus and the grim reality is that over half of all people infected become so before the age of 25 and die before they are 35."

Gillingwater added, "While the AIDS epidemic has become a global issue, so too have initiatives to create awareness and a cure for this disease. Started in 1988, World AIDS Day was organized not just to raise money for AIDS research, but also to increase awareness and education. This day is meant to remind everyone that AIDS is still a major problem and that much has to be done to fight this disease."

Baxter is an acclaimed Nova Scotian author, journalist and anthropologist who now lives in Colchester County. For more than 20 years, she lived with her family in Africa while reporting for the BBC, CBC and Associated Press. Her 2001 book, *A Serious Pair of Shoes: An African Journal*, won the Evelyn Richardson Award for non-fiction at the 2001 Atlantic Writing Awards.

This event is open to all faculty, staff and students as well as the wider community. For free tickets, contact Mitch Gillingwater, Vice-President Academic, Saint Mary's University Students' Association, at 496.8710

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